

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 28 day of July, A. D. 2009. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 1st day of August, A. D. 2009.

**BILL NO 16 2009**  
**AN ORDINANCE**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING ENACTS THIS ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES - CHAPTER 4 - PART 1 HISTORICAL DISTRICTS - SECTION 4-102 BY ADDING THE DEFINITION OF SATELITE DISH, ANTENA AND OTHER MODERN DEVICE AND CHAPTER 4 - PART 1 HISTORIC DISTRICTS BY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SATELLITE DISHES AND OTHER MODERN ACCESSORIES, DEVICES OR FIXTURES OF COMPARABLE SIZE IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS.**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Adding new language in the City's Codified Ordinances Chapter 4, Part 1 Historical Districts Section 4-102 defining satellite dish, antenna, and other modern device as follows:

**Satellite dish-** A "dish" antenna that is one meter (39.37") or less in diameter and is designed to receive direct broadcast satellite service, including direct-to-home satellite service, or to transmit fixed wireless signals via satellite.

**Antenna-** An antenna that is one meter (39.37") or less in diameter or diagonal measurement and is designed to receive video programming service via broadband radio service, to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals other than via satellite, or designed to receive local television broadcast signals. Such antennas may be mounted on masts to reach the height needed to establish line-of-sight contact with the transmitter. *Masts higher than Antennas used for AM/FM radio, amateur (ham) radio, CB radio, Digital Radio Services (DARS), or antennas used as part of a hub to relay signals among multiple locations are not covered by these rules.*

**Other Modern Device-** Any other device communication or other utilized to assist in viewer's ability to receive video programming signals from direct broadcast satellites, broadband radio service, and television broadcast stations (TVBS)

**SECTION 2.** Amending Section 4-106 Enforcement and Administration Part A as follows:

**4. General Administrative Procedures.**

A. All persons or entities desiring to undertake an exterior alteration or modification, requiring a building permit under the presently enacted building code, to any building, structure, sign or premises *or install any satellite dish, antenna or other modern device utilized to receive video programming signals as set forth in Number 5 below* within any designated historic district, shall apply to the Preservation Officer for a certificate of appropriateness prior to obtaining the required building permits as set forth in §4-107. No application shall be accepted or deemed complete until such time as all forms, materials and plans are filed and any and all fees are fully paid.

**SECTION 3.** Establishing the following guidelines for the placement of satellite dishes in historic districts *in Section 4-106 (5) and renumbering the remaining sections:*

**Installation-** No satellite dishes, antenna, or other similar modern device shall be installed or placed in front yards, front of buildings or along their facades within historic districts. All satellite dishes, antenna, or other similar modern devices shall be located to the rear of the main dwelling unit. Antenna and satellite dishes may be installed in the rear or on the roof of the main dwelling unit. A roof mounted satellite dish or antenna shall not be visible from the public right of way. **When being secured to a brick wall, anchoring for satellite dishes shall only occur within the mortar joints and not within the brick themselves.**

Satellite dishes that are placed in accordance with this Ordinance may be approved at Staff level when submitted with a diagram of their proposed placement on the structure or building. Placement of satellite dishes on any other area of a structure or building shall be sent to the Reading Board Historical Architectural Review for review.

**Exceptions-** Satellite dishes, antenna or other modern devices, as defined herein, may be installed in front of buildings in the historic district only if no other means of reception can be provided. In such cases **where the proposed location of a satellite dish is visible from a public right of way**, the owner or tenant of the property shall seek the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness as required in Section 4-107 of the Historic District Ordinance. Such satellite dishes, antenna or other modern devices shall be installed to be unobtrusive and shall be screened from view through the use of landscaping, fencing and/or architectural building features. The Building Inspector and Historic Preservation Specialist shall approve the installation to ensure there is no disruption to the historic nature and aesthetic value of the district.

**Removal-** Any satellite dishes installed in the front of buildings before the enactment of this ordinance shall be removed to meet the requirements of the ordinance or **must be reviewed by the Reading Board of Historical Architectural Review to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness as required per Section 4-107 of the Historic District Ordinance within one year of the effective date of this ordinance.** Satellite dishes shall be removed when the owner or tenant who installed the device no longer inhabits the property.

**Violations and Penalty-** Placement of any satellite dishes that does not conform to the guidelines of this Section will constitute a violation and may be subject to penalty and enforcement per Section 4-122 and Section 4-123.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall become effective within ten (10) days of the date of passage and approval by the Mayor or override of the Mayor's veto.

Enacted

, 2009

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor:                     

Date: 6-9-09

Received by the Mayor's Office:                     

Date: 6-9-09

Approved by Mayor:                     

Date: 6/9/09

Vetoed by Mayor:                     

Date: